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A Few Hardy Perennials of Special Merit

NEW AND OLD VARIETIES



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To Lovers of the Old-Fashioned Perennial Garden

Many of my friends and patrons have urged me to supply them with a condensed list of a number of valuable Hardy Plants. They claim that the numerous varieties described in the catalogues of nurserymen are too bewildering to the average amateur. Following their advice, I will try in this list to name only a limited number of good Perennials which will do well under ordinary care in our trying climate.

In addition, there are many more varieties deserving a trial, and can also please those desiring a larger collection, as my stock includes practically everything of value in this class that is offered in any of the current catalogues.

To those having but little knowledge of the Hardy Perennials, I would recommend my collections listed on the last page. In ordering, it would be advisable to give full particulars regarding conditions of soil, location, etc., to assist me in selecting the best varieties suitable to the conditions.

My aim is to establish a reputation by sending out only healthy plants, true to name and, in case of error, will gladly replace them at their original cost; this, however, being the only guarantee I can give. By closely following the directions, there will be little trouble in succeeding. Full instructions for planting and culture with every order.

Do not hesitate to ask for any advice, as it has always been a pleasure to give it to my correspondents and plant-lovers at any time or place.

I have been extremely fortunate in raising Hardy Plants successfully, both in Europe and in America. As this class of plants is, by far, the most interesting of any, I have devoted my whole time and energy to them, and can candidly affirm that my ambition has been rewarded, fulfilling my most sanguine expectations.

All orders will receive my personal supervision and care, and prompt attention.

Hoping to obtain your patronage, I am,

Yours truly,

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**Prices of Perennials, except where otherwise noted,
15 cts. each, \$1.50 per doz., \$10 per 100**

ANCHUSA Italica, Opal and Perry's Varieties. These are wonderful improvements on the well-known Italian Alkanet. Like the original kind, they are very generous bloomers during the entire season, and belong to the best of our blue perennials. Their tall, well-branched flowering spikes reach from 3 to 5 feet, and are especially showy when planted in combination with the golden yellow Coreopsis. Opal is beautiful sky-blue, while Perry's Variety is of a deep, rich gentian-blue. Both varieties, 25 cts. each, \$2.50 per doz.

ACHILLEA Ptarmica fl. pl., The Pearl. Blooms in great profusion during the summer and its double white flowers are highly prized for cutting.

ANEMONE Japonica. During the latter part of the summer until killed by frost the Japanese Windflowers are most valuable as decorative and cut-flowers. The plants grow from 2 to 3 feet high, with an abundance of large flowers and do well in any ordinary garden soil. To get the best results have the ground well manured and worked deep, a mulching during summer is of great benefit. They are hardy if protected with a covering of leaves or litter during winter. Of the newer varieties sent out I consider **Kriemhilde**, semi-double, reddish lilac, and **Loreley**, semi-double, of a little darker color than the well-known Queen Charlotte, the best two: while of the older varieties, **Lord Ardilaun**, white, **Prinz Heinrich**, red, and **Queen Charlotte**, La France pink, are very good varieties. Kriemhilde and Loreley, 25 cts. each, \$2.50 per doz. Older varieties, including the three named, 15 cts. each, \$1.50 per doz.

AQUILEGIA. The delicate combination of colors and graceful, slender growth of the Columbines make them very desirable for the hardy border. There are about thirty varieties in cultivation. As they hybridize so easily, it is more or less difficult to keep the varieties separate, and, after all, the long-spurred hybrids of various growers are the prettiest.

Long-spurred Hybrids, English-German Strain, 25 cts. each, \$2.50 per doz.

A. Californica Hybrids. Tall; red and yellow.

A. cœrulea. The Rocky Mountain Columbine.

A. flabellata nana alba. The best dwarf white.

A. vulgaris. The European Columbine. Violet-blue, and other varieties. 15 cts. each, \$1.50 per doz.

ASTERS, Hardy. Hundreds of our native Michaelmas Daisies have been raised by European growers. Many of them are improved greatly in color and size of flowers. They are our best fall-blooming perennials, and especially well adapted to massing. I will try to name a few good and distinct varieties:

BLUE VARIETIES

Viola. A real gem, 5 feet high, of violet-blue, is the best of all. (Not more than one dozen sold to a customer.) 50 cts. each, \$5 per doz.

Grandiflora. An old but rare variety; has the largest individual flowers. It blooms late, and is very distinct from any other kind. Grows 2½ feet; color bluish violet. 50 cts. each, \$5 per doz.

LAVENDER VARIETIES

Herbstelfe. Light lavender; 3 feet.

Lævis. Lavender; 4 feet.

Puniceus pulcherrimus. Lilac, with yellow center.

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ROSE AND RED ASTERS

Novæ-Angliæ rosea. Bright rosy red; 4 feet.

Novæ-Angliæ rubra. Bright deep crimson; 4 feet.

Novæ-Angliæ, Mrs. F. W. Raynor. Carmine-red; 5 feet.

WHITE VARIETIES

Snowflake. Snowy white; 2 feet.

White Queen. Large; very free; 4 feet.

Price of above Hardy Asters, unless noted, 15 cts. each, \$1.50 per doz.

ASTILBE Davidii. A very interesting hardy perennial from China, with deep rose-purple flowering plumes, which, in good, heavy and moist soil, grow 5 to 6 feet high. Like other Astilbes it gives best satisfaction in partial shade. 25 cts. each, \$2.50 per doz.

BOCCONIA cordata (Plume Poppy). Well fitted for isolated position on lawn, or in the back of the herbaceous border; grows 8 to 10 feet high, with grayish green, large leaves and white flowering spikes. Bold and imposing in appearance.

BOLTONIA asteroides. One of our best native plants, with an abundance of white aster-like flowers on 6- to 7-foot stems during the latter part of summer and fall. Good cut-flower.

B. latisquama. Similar to the above, but with larger flowers of a pretty pink.

CAMPANULA, or Bellflower. There are numerous species and varieties of this desirable border or rock-work plant.

C. Carpatica is a dwarf kind in blue and white varieties.

C. persicifolia is the most popular, with blue flowers; 2 feet.

C. persicifolia alba. The best single white.

C. rotundifolia is called the "Blue Bells of Scotland."

C. Medium, the well-known Canterbury Bells, in white, pink and blue, is only a biennial, while **C. pyramidalis**, the Chimney Bellflower, a perennial, should be treated like a biennial.

CARYOPTERIS mastacanthus. A pretty, fall-flowering, compact-growing shrub, 3 feet high, commonly called "Blue Spiræa," has more or less the character of a perennial. The deep lavender flowers cover the whole bush, and are very attractive. Also good for pot culture. 20 cts. each, \$2 per doz.

CASSIA Marylandica. American Senna. Pretty foliage, with large, yellow, curiously shaped flowers. 3 feet. 10 cts. each, \$1 per doz.

CENTAUREA. Hardy Cornflowers. Like rich, damp soil; the **C. montana** class has white, blue and pink varieties, while **C. dealbata**, bright rose, is the best one for cut-flowers. **C. ruthenica**, with yellow thistle-like flowers, is also worth growing.

CHRYSANTHEMUMS, Hardy. Should be in every collection as they are practically our latest fall flowers. Light frost will not hurt them. Both types, the large-flowering (Aster) and the smaller (Pompon) have been wonderfully improved. I have about fifty varieties in all colors, both Aster and Pompon types, in stock, including

ASTER TYPES

Queen of Whites. The best white.

Queen of Bulgaria. Deep rose.

Old Homestead. Pink.

Bohemia. Yellow.

POMPON TYPES

Globe d'Or. Lemon-yellow.

Golden Pheasant. Rich yellow.

Rhoda. Delicate pink.

Rosinante. Blush-rose.

Trojan. Maroon; dwarf; extra.

HARDY PERENNIALS OF SPECIAL MERIT

SINGLE CHRYSANTHEMUMS

The Hub, white; **Aaron**, reddish bronze. Full list of other varieties on application. 10 cts. each, \$1 per doz., \$6 per 100.

CHRYSANTHEMUM maximum. Better known under the popular name, **Shasta Daisies**. Of this excellent white Daisy several varieties have been originated. For general use seedlings of a good strain will answer the purpose.

Named Varieties, 25 cts. each.

Seedlings, 15 cts. each, \$1.50 per doz.

COREOPSIS lanceolata grandiflora. Large, graceful, golden yellow, daisy-like flowers on long stems. A continuous bloomer and one of our best yellow cut-flowers. 2 feet. 10 cts. each, \$1 per doz.

DELPHINIUM, or **Hardy Larkspur**. A very popular class of perennials requiring more care than others. They prefer a rich, well-drained, loamy soil, and need watering during dry spells. Many hundred named varieties are offered in the trade, but, as they are difficult to increase, generally are high-priced. I can supply a nice collection from 25 cts. to \$1 each. My **Gold Medal Hybrids** are seedlings of the finest strain, and will give full satisfaction.

D. Chinense. A free-flowering, gentian-blue variety.

D. formosum. The old dark blue favorite.

D. Belladonna. Turquoise-blue; very free bloomer.

15 cts. each, \$1.50 per doz., except **Belladonna**, which is 25 cts. each, \$2.50 per doz.

DIANTHUS barbatus. The Sweet William, in mixture or separate colors. 10 cts. each, \$1 per doz.

D. plumarius. Hardy Garden Pinks are old favorites, and well adapted for edging a border. Also well liked as a cut-flower for their beauty and fragrance. I have many fine varieties in richest colorings.

DIELYTRA spectabilis. Bleeding Heart is one of the most beautiful herbaceous plants in cultivation. Long racemes of graceful, heart-shaped, pink flowers.

DIGITALIS. I will always remember the beauty and majesty of the vast fields along the slopes and rocks of the broken ridges in the Harz Mountains in Germany in connection with the stately Foxglove, or Witch's Thimbles. The flower-stalks are 4 to 6 feet high, with pink or white, drooping, thimble-like flowers.

DORONICUM excelsum. A very early, spring-flowering plant, with large, yellow, aster-like flowers; grows 24 to 30 inches high. Good for cutting and forcing in a cool greenhouse.

FUNKIA. Plantain Lily. A handsome foliage and flowering plant from Japan, with numerous varieties.

F. coerulea. Bold, deep green foliage and long spikes of blue flowers. 3 feet.

F. subcordata grandiflora. Yellowish green foliage and white flowers.

F. undulata media picta. Green-and-white foliage; very fine for edging.

GAILLARDIA grandiflora. Large flowers of bright crimson, with dark red-brown center; excellent for cutting.

GYPSOPHILA paniculata (Baby's Breath). Mist-like foliage and loose panicles of small white flowers. To a considerable extent used in bouquets. 10 cts. each, \$1 per doz.

G. paniculata fl. pl. is the double-flowering form, a very valuable novelty recently introduced. 30 cts. each, \$3 per doz.

HELIANTHUS, Miss Mellish. Is the best of all single-flowering hardy Sunflowers. In the back of the herbaceous border it makes a striking effect. 6 feet. For long-stemmed material in vases, the large, glittering yellow flowers are without equal. 10 cts. each, \$1 per doz., \$6 per 100.

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HEUCHERA sanguinea. Alum Root. Scarlet flowers, in open panicles, on clustered stems, from a tufted mass of pretty foliage. 20 cts. each, \$2 per doz.

HIBISCUS, Crimson Eye. A sturdy-growing hardy perennial, with large flowers of the purest white, with dark crimson center, from July to September. Height about 4 feet.

H. Moscheutos. Light rosy-red flowers.

HOLLYHOCKS. Very tall-growing, showy perennial plants. A real old-fashioned flower in double and single varieties of White, Pink, Red, Yellow, etc. In separate colors, 20 cts. each, \$2 per doz.; all colors mixed, 15 cts. each, \$1.50 per doz.

IRIS Germanica. The German Iris is better known than any other hardy plant. There are numerous varieties in nearly all colors, which grow well in any, even the poorest, soil, if not too wet. Too deep planting is injurious to the bulbous root. **Pallida Dalmatica** is the finest of its type; a strong grower, with 4-foot stems and large lavender flowers. 25 cts. each, \$2.50 per doz., \$15 per 100.

NAMED VARIETIES

I have about fifty of the choicest named varieties in stock, and can supply practically any Iris color desired, including the following twelve varieties:

Amabilis. Standards lilac, falls crimson-purple.

Asiatica. Standards pale blue, falls purple-blue.

Candicans. Standards pale blue, falls rosy purple.

Darius. Standards canary-yellow, falls lilac and white.

Florentina. Sweet-scented; early; white.

Honorabilis. Standards golden yellow, falls mahogany.

Kochii. Claret-purple.

Lord Salisbury. Standards amber-white, falls violet-purple.

Mme. Chereau. Pure white, edged light blue.

Queen of the Gypsies. Standards rich old-gold, falls lilac, with maroon markings.

Queen of the May. Lilac-rose, almost pink.

Spectabilis. Dark blue, with claret-purple shadings.

Virgile. Standards an odd shade of mauve, falls purple.

IRIS Kaempferi. Japanese Iris will bloom four weeks later than the German class and they are becoming very popular. For best results they need a rich soil and plenty of water during their flowering season. Select double and single varieties of the rarest beauty in White, Light Blue, Violet, Crimson, Purple and Variegated Sorts. Named varieties, 25 cts. each, \$2.50 per doz.; choice best mixed, 15 cts. each, \$1.50 per doz.

I. Sibirica. The Siberian Iris is very fine for cutting. Purplish blue; grows 3 feet tall.

LIATRIS pycnostachya. The Blazing Star, or Gay Feather is a very attractive native plant; it grows 5 feet high, with spikes of light rosy purple flowers.

MONARDA didyma. The Oswego Tea is a very fine hardy perennial for the border, with bright scarlet heads of flowers during midsummer. 2 feet. 10 cts. each, \$1 per doz.

M., Cambridge Scarlet. A newer variety, with bright crimson-scarlet flowers. 15 cts. each, \$1.50 per doz.

MYOSOTIS palustris semperflorens. In a shady spot, with plenty of moisture, this pretty dwarf Forget-me-not is a continuous bloomer. It is also well adapted to forcing.

PÆONIA Chinensis. Special list, with full instructions for growing this queen of spring flowers on application.

PAPAVER orientale. The dazzling scarlet flowers of the Oriental Poppy make a gorgeous effect in any herbaceous border during May and June. Many new varieties have been introduced lately. While more or less different in color, generally of softer, lighter shadings, the old, original kinds, with their rich orange-scarlet flowers, are still the best for extensive plantings. 15 cts. each, \$1.50 per doz.; named newer varieties, 25c. each, \$2.50 per doz.

HARDY PERENNIALS OF SPECIAL MERIT

Papaver nudicaule. From Siberia, generally called the Iceland Poppy, is continuously in bloom from early spring to fall, and does well in any soil, but preferably in a cool place. Mixed colors in white, red and yellow.

PHLOX decussata. Without a great percentage of Hardy Phlox, a herbaceous border is not complete. They are the most important of all perennials. Every year new improvements in color and size of flowers are offered. I grow Phlox in large quantities and try to keep an up-to-date collection, adding all valuable novelties, and discarding those which are outclassed by better ones. Phloxes grow in any soil, but to grow them to perfection, they need a rich soil, well manured, and plenty of water during their growing season.

A FEW GOOD NEW VARIETIES

Asia. Mauve, with crimson-carmine eye.

Braga. Mauve and salmon, with white eye.

Elizabeth Campbell. Salmon-pink.

Europa. White, with crimson-carmine eye.

Frau Antoine Buchner. White.

Hervor. Soft pink, with white eye.

Rynstrom. Bright pink.

Rosenberg. Reddish violet, with red eye.

Widar. Light reddish violet, white center.

25 cts. each, \$2.50 per doz., \$20 per 100

TWELVE GOOD OLD VARIETIES

Bacchante. Wine-red, deeper eye.

Bridesmaid. White, with crimson eye.

Coquelicot. Scarlet.

Eugene Danzanvillier. Lavender.

Goliath. Crimson-carmine, deeper eye.

Jeanne d'Arc. Late; white.

Le Mahdi. Deep purple.

Prof. Schliemann. Clear rose.

Mrs. Jenkins. The best early white.

Obergartner Wittig. Bright magenta.

Von Hochberg. Deep crimson.

Wolfgang v. Goethe. Salmon-rose.

15 cts. each, \$1.50 per doz., \$10 per 100

PHLOX divaricata Canadensis. One of the prettiest spring flowers, being large and fragrant, of lavender-color, on stems 10 inches high.

P. subulata. Another spring flower, with pretty, moss-like foliage. **Alba**, white; **Rosea**, bright rose; **Lilacina**, lilac; **Nelsonii**, pure white.

PHYSOSTEGIA Virginica. Long spikes of dainty shell-pink flowers in great profusion. 3 feet.

PLATYCODON grandiflora. Chinese Bellflower. Resembles a campanula flower; deep blue.

P. Mariesi. Similar to the above, but of dwarfer growth.

PRIMULA elatior gigantea. A very large-flowering Primrose, sweet scented, in various shades of yellow, white and pink. A very select strain. 25 cts. each, \$2.50 per doz.

PYRETHRUM uliginosum stellatum. A greatly improved form of the Giant Daisy, with large white flowers during August and September. 25c. each, \$2.50 per doz.

RUDBECKIA Newmanni. Orange-yellow flowers, from July to October. Good cut-flower. 3 feet.

R. nitida, Autumn Sun. A very interesting, tall-growing perennial, 6 feet high, with long, broad, drooping petals of primrose-yellow. A very valuable cut-flower of recent introduction. July to October. 20 cts. each, \$2 per doz.

SALVIA azurea grandiflora. (From the Rocky Mountains.) Long spikes of sky-blue flowers in greatest profusion. 25 cts. each, \$2.50 per doz.

STOKESIA cyanea. A native plant of easy culture, with large, aster-like flowers of lavender-blue.

S. cyanea alba. The pure white variety.

VERONICA longifolia subsessilis. The best of all Speedwells. A vigorous-growing plant, with large leaves and long spikes of rich, deep blue flowers.

ROSEDALE HARDY PLANT FARM

Collections of Perennials for the Herbaceous Border

12 plants	\$1.25 and \$1.50
25 plants	2.50 and 2.75
50 plants	4.50 and 5.00
100 plants	8.00 and 9.00

Collections of Perennials for Wild Gardens and Large Parks

25 plants in 12 varieties	\$2.00
50 plants in 20 varieties	3.75
100 plants in 25 varieties	7.00
1,000 plants in 100 varieties	60.00

Collections for Dry Places

12 plants in 12 varieties	\$1.50
25 plants in 12 varieties	3.00
100 plants in 25 varieties	10.00

Collections for Damp Places

12 plants in 12 varieties	\$2.00
25 plants in 12 varieties	4.00
100 plants in 25 varieties	15.00

Collections of Miscellaneous Aquatics

12 plants in 12 varieties	\$1.50
25 plants in 12 varieties	2.75
50 plants in 20 varieties	5.00
100 plants in 25 varieties	9.00

Collections for Shady Places

12 plants in 12 varieties	\$2.00
25 plants in 12 varieties	4.00
100 plants in 25 varieties	15.00
Water-Lilies	50 cts., 75 cts. and 1.00
Nelumbiums	\$1, \$2, \$2.50 and 3.00

Hardy Perennials from Seeds

Many perennials can be propagated only by cutting or division, but there are plenty of good varieties which, with proper care, can easily be raised from seeds, and, if started early, a large percentage will bloom the first season. To many plant-lovers it is very interesting and fascinating to watch their little favorites from the very beginning. I can offer you a good collection of seeds grown in my nursery, of the most popular kinds.

Varieties which produce plenty of seeds, 5 cts. per pkt.

Varieties which are more difficult to raise, 10 cts. per pkt.

Novelties, according to their value, 20 cts. and 25 cts. per pkt.

MY SPECIAL OFFER: 12 pkts. of popular varieties, 25 cts.

Full instructions for planting, growing and setting with every order

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